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DEPARTMENT FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FISHLOW

RIO AND BOGOTA PASS TO SECRETARY'S DELEGATION (ASSISTANT SECRETARY
ROGERS AND DR. EINAUDI)

TAGS: EINV, EIND, PFOR, PE, EMIN

E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJECT: MARCONA NEGOTIATIONS

1. I HAVE NOW OBTAINED A DECISION FROM FONMINISTRY SECGEN
MARCHAND ON NEXT WEEK'S PROPOSED NEGOTIATIONS. MARCHAND SAID GOP
WILL

BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH DR. FISHLOW'S GROUP THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
(FEBRUARY 26-27) AND SATURDAY MORNING (FEBRUARY 28). I REMINDED
MARCHAND THAT DURING THE SECRETAR'S VISIT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN
REACHED

CONCERNING SCHEDULING OF THE NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS, AND WHAT
WE TRUST WILL BE THE FINAL ROUND DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF MARCH.

2. MARCHAND OBSERVED THAT GOP IS WELL DISPOSED TOWARD REACHING
A FINAL SETTLEMENT PROMPTLY. HE SAID THAT, WHILE THIS POINT IS NOT
YET CONFIRMED, GOP IS CONSIDERING BRINGING BACK AMBASSADOR DE LA
PUENTE FROM PARIS TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE OR BOTH FINAL NEGOTIATING
SESSIONS. HE SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO FACT THAT DE LA PUENTE IS
SO KNOWLEDGEABLE REGARDING THE NEGOTIATIONS HE IS ALSO THE ONE
AUTHORIZED BY GOP TO SIGN THE FINAL AGREEMENT (JUST AS HE WAS

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AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE INTERIM AGREEMENT).

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT PRIME MINISTER FERNANDEZ MALDONADO CONFIRMED THAT HE WILL PARTICIPATE, AS HIS PREDECESSOR PRIMIN VARGAS PREITO HAD DONE, IN THE NEGOTIATIONS,

AND THAT HE SAW NO IMPEDIMENT, AND INDEED EVERY REASON FOR THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO REACH AGREEMENT. FERNANDEZ MALDONADO SAID GOP ATTITUDE

IS POSITIVE TOWARD REACHING A SETTLEMENT, AND RECALLED THAT NEITHER HE NOR FONMIN NOR MINCOMMERCE WAS PRESENT WHEN MARCONA EXPROPRIATION DECISION WAS TAKEN BY VELASCO GOVERNMENT. HE SAID HE AND THE TOW OTHER CABINET MINISTERS WERE SURPRISED AT THE DECISION WHICH HAD BEEN TAKEN IN THEIR ABOSENCE, AND THAT DECISION WAS NOT THE ONE THEY HAD RECOMMENDED.

4. OPERATIONS CENTER: IF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FISHLOW SHOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE, PLEASE PASS FOREGOING INFORMATION TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RYAN.
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